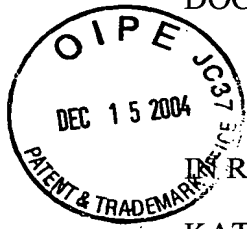


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FOR: TANKLESS TOILET, WESTERN- :
STYLE FLUSH TOILET, PART WASHING
DEVICE AND SPUD FOR FLUSH TOILET

PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.48(B)

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SIR:

The correct inventors were named in the application when filed. By virtue of the election requirement electing Species III, directed to Figures 16-21 (Claims 38-47), less than all of the originally named inventors are the actual inventors of the invention presently being claimed. Specifically, the invention of Mr. Yasuhiro Shirai, Mr. Takanori Idota, Mr. Masataka Mizutani and Mr. Toshiaki Matsushita is no longer being claimed in the application, and so it is respectfully requested that their names be deleted as inventors. The fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h) is attached.

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